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The major military action in South Vietnam continues around strategic high ground positions to the south of Hue and in Quang Nam Province. Several of these positions have been retaken by government forces, but the most important—and most difficult—are those overlooking government areas south of Hue. The South Vietnamese 1st Division has been unable to make significant progress against these objectives and Ranger units are being rotated into the battlefront. Some senior commanders feel that the Rangers will also be unable to make much further progress and that elements of either

the Airborne or Marines will have to be brought into the

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the Communists have rotated at least two fresh regiments into Thua Thien Province to maintain sustained pressure against Hue.